

UNITED NATIONS COMMAND  
MILITARY ARMISTICE COMMISSION  
APO 301

TWO HUNDRED FORTY-SIXTH MEETING OF THE SECRETARIES

HELD AT MAC HQ AREA, KOREA

3 JULY 1962

MEMBERS PRESENT

UNITED NATIONS COMMAND

KOREAN PEOPLE'S ARMY  
CHINESE PEOPLE'S VOLUNTEERS

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LT COLONEL LEE CHONG HAN, KPA

Meeting convened at 1100 hours

KPA/CPV:

Owing to the indiscreet pranks of toying with fire **continuously** committed by your side, such provocative hostile acts as to seriously endanger the foundation of the Armistice Agreement have been committed in succession in the Demilitarized Zone again recently.

Around 2130 hours on June 25, 1962, personnel of your side committed such provocative acts as to fire more than 30 shots with light machine guns and rifles in the vicinity of 38 degrees 19 minutes 48 seconds North, 127 degrees 46 minutes 54 seconds East in your portion of the Demilitarized Zone upon the right side of the 553 Metre Hill in the vicinity of 38 degrees 21 minutes 04 seconds North, 127 degrees 46 minutes 29 seconds East in our portion of the Demilitarized Zone.

Such provocative acts on your part were perpetrated again around 2145 hours on the following day June 26. At the same point mentioned above, your side committed surprise firings with small arms including light machine guns at the general area along the ridge of the 553 Metre Hill in the vicinity of 38 degrees 20 minutes 50 seconds North, 127 degrees 46 minutes 29 seconds East in our portion of the Demilitarized Zone. These outrageous firings by your side went on for a few minutes and as many as over 70 bullets were shot.

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These provocative acts were followed by other firings of your side. Your side fired about 30 shots with light machine guns and small arms in the vicinity of 38 degrees 18 minutes 55 seconds North, 127 degrees 47 minutes 55 seconds East in your portion of the Demilitarized Zone upon the 632 Metre Hill in the vicinity of 38 degrees 19 minutes 47 seconds North, 127 degrees 48 minutes 43 seconds East in our portion of the Demilitarized Zone.

These vicious firings on the part of your side were committed in a planned way, being directed with two red signal bullets.

All of the bullets your personnel had fired fell around the spots where our personnel were on their routine duties, thereby directly threatening the lives of our personnel.

These murderous, hostile acts incessantly committed by your side since the signing of the Armistice Agreement have become more frequent and extensive of late. Particularly, during ten days alone in April this year, your side committed on nine occasions such hostile acts as to fire as many as 700 shots with various small arms including heavy machine guns at our side.

It is quite clear to everyone that, under the circumstances in which armed personnel of the two opposing sides are stationed face to face, these adventurous pranks of toying with fire your side has ceaselessly committed might lead to a grave consequence beyond imagination.

The recent deliberate provocations committed by your side were synchronized with the active carrying out of the preparations for another war of aggression such as the radical reinforcement of its armed strength in South Korea, the construction and expansion of military bases and installations in the rear, the frantic military commotions staged by the high ranking war mongers including, Rusk, Secretary of State, who have frequently

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visited South Korea, hurrying about the front line and the rear where military installations are located, clamouring about the completion of combat readiness and the infiltration of a large number of spies and saboteurs into the territory of our side. This clearly demonstrates that such provocative acts on the part of your side are designed to intensify tension, disturb peace and create bellicose atmosphere for provoking another war of aggression in Korea.

It constitutes a grave violation of the Preamble of the Armistice Agreement, and Paragraphs 6, 10, 12 and 14 thereof for your side to have introduced machine guns into the Demilitarized Zone with its aggressive designs and committed firings at our side.

I have been instructed by the Senior Member of our side to lodge a strong protest with your side against its having committed the fresh hostile acts in an organized way in violation of the Armistice Agreement in disregard of the repeated protests from our side.

At the same time, I demand that your side severely punish in accordance with the requirements of the Armistice Agreement all of your personnel who are indulged in the deliberate pranks of toying with fire, and take thorough-going steps to prevent a recurrence of similar hostile acts.

UNC:

In accordance with the spirit and intent of the Armistice Agreement, the United Nations Command will conduct an investigation of the charges you have alleged. Any propaganda remarks which you have added to your charge of an alleged violation is an unnecessary part of these meetings.

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While stating that investigations will be made into its

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violations of the Armistice Agreement, your side has been indulged in a series of sophistries in an attempt to exempt itself from the responsibility for them even slightly.

Your side should take the responsibility for its violations of the Armistice Agreement in compliance with the spirit of the Agreement desisting from such worn-out empty talks and take thorough measures to prevent a recurrence of similar violations of the Agreement in the future.

I have a statement to make on another subject.

Your side has furthered its frantic scheme for the provocation of another war not only on the ground but also in the air, that is, one military aircraft of your side has again recently intruded into the territorial airspace of our side.

Around 1032 hours on June 30, 1962, one L-19 military aircraft of your side flew in the vicinity of Yawulsan (38 degrees 14 minutes 27 seconds North, 127 degrees 06 minutes 42 seconds East) near Chulwon, intruded into the airspace over Mokkwandong (38 degrees 19 minutes 05 seconds North, 127 degrees 09 minutes 40 seconds East) in our portion of the Demilitarized Zone and flew away to the territory of your side, passing through the airspace in the vicinity of Yoojungri (38 degrees 19 minutes 10 seconds North, 127 degrees 12 minutes 30 seconds East).

Your side has again recently dispatched its military aircraft into our territorial airspace with a view to making reconnaissance for the provocation of another war and further intensifying tension, thereby grossly violating Paragraph 16 of the Armistice Agreement.

I have been instructed by the Senior Member of our side to lodge a rigorous protest with your side against its serious violation of the Armistice Agreement to have dispatched its military aircraft into our territorial airspace again recently for its insidious and aggressive purposes.

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At the same time, I demand that your side severely punish in accordance with the requirement of the Armistice Agreement all the personnel of your side involved in the recent provocative act and take a thorough-going step to prevent a recurrence of similar incidents.

UNC:

Your charge concerning an intrusion into the air space over the territory under the military control of your side, constitutes a major violation of the Armistice Agreement and as such is a matter properly handled at Military Armistice Commission level. Accordingly I will pass this charge to the Senior Member of our side for investigation and action as prescribed by the Military Armistice Agreement.

KPA/CPV:

Your side should conduct a thorough-going and responsible investigation in accordance with the requirement of the Armistice Agreement and take a complete step to prevent a recurrence of similar hostile acts in the future.

I have a statement to make on another subject.

All the records of the proceedings of the Military Armistice Commission and its subordinate bodies show that your side has premeditatedly and overtly made a military reconnaissance against our side in an attempt to step up the preparations for another war of aggression in Korea.

Such hostile acts on the part of your side have increased with each passing day and its ways and means have become more crafty and vicious.

Your side has frequently conducted military reconnaissances over our territory by mobilizing its military aircraft to let them fly over along the southern boundary of the Demilitarized

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Zone, while going so far as even to send up balloons over the Demilitarized Zone with the design of conducting reconnaissance against our side.

That is, your side has hoisted balloons in the airspace over the spots of the Demilitarized Zone in the vicinity of 38 degrees 18 minutes 18 seconds North, 127 degrees 08 minutes 30 seconds East since June 23, 1962 and in the vicinity of 38 degrees 17 minutes 59 seconds North, 127 degrees 32 minutes 35 seconds East since June 24 respectively, thereby reconnoitering the territory of our side, on the one hand, and on the other, carrying out despicable "anti-Communist propaganda" to slander and defame our side.

This overt, hostile acts on the part of your side are going on up to this moment.

The provocative, hostile acts of your side more clearly expose the aggressive nature of yours who have been running amuck in the preparations of another war.

In order to make a reconnaissance and conduct anti-Communist propaganda against our side, your side recently hoisted balloons in the Demilitarized Zone which was established to prevent a resumption of hostilities.

This provocative act of your side constitutes not only a flagrant violation of the Armistice Agreement but also a nasty trick to aggravate the atmosphere in the Demilitarized Zone.

This wicked, provocative acts of your side should be scathingly denounced and ceased at once.

I have been instructed by the Senior Member of our side to lodge a vigorous protest with your side against its grave hostile acts and at the same time, demand that your side remove the balloons lifted in the air space over the afore-said points at the earliest date, severely punish those who are involved in the incidents and take responsible steps to prevent a recurrence of similar incidents.

UNC:

Your charge concerning the alleged violation of the air space over the territory under the military control of your side, constitutes a major violation of the Armistice Agreement and as such is a matter properly handled at Military Armistice Commission level. Accordingly I will pass this charge to the Senior Member of our side for investigation and action as prescribed by the Military Armistice Agreement.

KPA/CPV:

It seems to me that you have failed to understand my statement correctly.

Your side has made a reconnaissance and carried out anti-Communist propaganda against our side since June 23rd up to date by hoisting balloons in the Demilitarized Zone.

Our side has demanded that your side cease its provocative acts against our side and remove the balloons immediately.

Your side should make a reply to meet the demand of our side.

UNC:

You have made a charge of a major violation of the Armistice Agreement against the United Nations Command. I have stated that this charge of a major violation will be referred to the Senior Member of our side for investigation.

KPA/CPV:

I have noted your admission that the provocative act of your side which has hoisted balloons in the Demilitarized Zone with a hostile intent constitutes a serious violation of the Armistice Agreement.

Your side should make an immediate investigation and promptly take away the balloons raised in the Demilitarized Zone.

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UNC:

Then you understand more than I do!

I go to another subject.

At the 245th Secretaries' meeting you read the following charge:

QUOTE Around about 1125 hours, on 25 May two civilian women together with more than ten persons of your side entered your portion of the Demilitarized Zone in the vicinity of 38 degrees 12 minutes 35 seconds North, 126 degrees 59 minutes 50 seconds East, moved thereabout for a long time, and returned UNQUOTE.

On 13 June our side requested additional information as to the specific part of paragraph 9 of the Armistice Agreement which, as you stated, had been violated.

Your reply only repeated the same information previously stated that two civilian women entered the Demilitarized Zone without permission of the Military Armistice Commission thereby violating paragraph 9 of the Armistice Agreement.

A preliminary investigation of this alleged incident, conducted on the morning of 13 June, revealed that a group of United Nations Command Civil Police including several women were in the Demilitarized Zone at the alleged time and date and in the general vicinity of the coordinates stated.

For your information, the preliminary investigation also revealed that the women which you described as QUOTE two civilian women UNQUOTE actually were members of the Women's Army Corps. They were dressed in the Demilitarized Zone Civil Police uniform of our side and they were duly accredited as members of the United Nations Command Civil Police.

Paragraph 10 of the Armistice Agreement states that the Commander-in-Chief, United Nations Command, is responsible for the administration of the southern portion of the Demilitarized Zone. There is no requirement in the Armistice Agreement



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that personnel of our side, concerned with civil administration and relief, must be approved by the Military Armistice Commission prior to entering our portion of the Demilitarized Zone.

Further investigations, following the preliminary investigation conducted on 13 June, reveals that there were not two but actually four women members in the party, all four being members of the Women's Army Corps and all personnel were legally authorized to be in the United Nations Command portion of the Demilitarized Zone.

It is quite evident, therefore, on the basis of these facts, that there has been no violation of the Armistice Agreement.

KPA/CPV:

Your side should cease its overt hostile acts of making a reconnaissance against our side in a planned way by raising the balloons in the airspace over the Demilitarized Zone, and remove the balloons at the earliest day.

While admitting the fact that your side illegally let two civilian women enter the Demilitarized Zone, you have tried to justify its own grave violation of the Armistice Agreement by talking as if they were engaged in civil administration and relief.

Whatever you may refer to and however hard you may distort the fact, you can never erase the very fact that your side let the civilians enter the Demilitarized Zone who had not been specifically authorized by the Military Armistice Commission, thereby violating Paragraph 9 of the Armistice Agreement.

I will not give you a detailed explanation about it.

I only advise you to make reference to the record of the 235th meeting of the Secretaries held on July 26, 1961.

I have a statement to make on another subject.

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Your side submitted the so-called list at the 245th Secretaries meeting held on June 12 last.

Our side has conducted thorough-going and careful investigations into the charges made by your side.

As a result, it has been established that the charges made by your side were sheer fabrications which have no factual grounds.

Therefore, I categorically deny all the false charges contained in the "list" submitted by your side at the 245th Secretaries meeting.

At the same time, I demand your side to stop reiterating such unwarrantable and shameless acts as to slander and defame our side which has always been sincere in the implementation of the Armistice Agreement and to charge our side by fabricating groundless incidents in an attempt to cover up the violations of the Armistice Agreement your side has committed one after another.

UNC:

It is not unreasonable to expect that the Military Commanders of your side would conduct investigations into field reports submitted to them by your Civil Police prior to requiring you to present formal charges at a meeting of the Secretaries.

I realize that you, as the Secretary of the one side, have no choice but to read the charges which have been prepared for you. But there does not appear to be any reason why the commanders of your side should want to make you appear ridiculous by forcing you to read charges at these meetings which have not been completely verified first as being true.

This places you in a rather untenable position. It is hardly a position from which one can negotiate openly and easily.

In view of the information disclosed from an investigation

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of the charge by the UNC if you desire to have the charge stricken from the record of the 245th meeting, I am agreeable.

KPA/CPV:

You resort to personal attacks in an attempt to digress from the discussion of the subject raised. This is indeed unbecoming to both your functions and your military uniform.

We know that talking nonsense is a habitual practice of criminals.

You have just behaved in such a shameful manner as to obtrusively pour forth personal abuse against the other side being put out of countenance. This only serves to reveal your base character and your running out of argument in the face of the fact.

Fact is more powerful than eloquence. Whatever pretext you may resort to, the criminal acts of your side are revealed to the world and remain clearly in the record.

You should give up at once such an impertinent behavior which is beyond the limit of your function and take a thoroughgoing step so that your personnel may strictly abide by the Armistice Agreement.

UNC:

No where in my statement is there any personal abuse against the integrity of your position. Rather it was a feeling of sorrow for the position which you had been placed in.

It is understandable that reports received from your civil police posts can and often do become garbled due to the distance involved from the reporting units and the number of times that the message must be retransmitted. However, it would appear reasonable and proper that the field commanders of your side would first investigate the circumstances, when

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receiving a report of an alleged violation before compelling you to read these false charges at a Secretaries' meeting.

It is for you to decide whether or not this false charge is to remain on the record of the 245th Secretaries' meeting. As I have stated, I have no objection to removing the charge from the record of that meeting. If you desire additional time to reconsider the circumstances of the charge, we can put off discussion of this matter until a later meeting.

I note your denial of the true charges made by our side at the 245th Secretaries' meeting. This is no change from your past procedure.

KPA/CPV:

The statement you have just made bespeaks that you are a soldier of base character. I again note this fact.

It is apparent that you have been instructed this morning before your appearance to this place by your superiors who are controlling your mouth so that you may utter disgusting words against our side.

However, you had better understand that with such a clumsy practice, you can never extricate yourself from the awkward position you are now placed in.

At the same time, I invite your attention that it is inadvisable both for your side and for your Secretary of one of the sides to overtly reveal your character.

Instead of talking nonsense in an attempt to divert from your criminal acts, you should admit the fact.

No alternative is opened before you.

UNC:

At the 245th Secretaries' meeting, your side charged our side with 50 Demilitarized Zone violations and two (2) intrusions near Military Demarcation Line Marker #0979. A thorough investigation has been made into all of the alleged violations. The investigation reveals that they were found to have no basis in fact and are therefore denied.

KPA/CPV:

Your side is now trying to cover up your criminal acts by brazenly reversing white and black instead of frankly admitting the violations of the Armistice Agreement as well as the Agreements and Understandings by the personnel of your side and taking responsible measures to prevent the recurrence of similar cases in the future.

The unconditional denial you have given to the violations by your personnel has only demonstrated the insincere attitude and position of your side towards the Armistice Agreement.

With no crafty tricks can your side cover up the criminal acts perpetrated by the personnel of your side in the Demilitarized Zone almost every day nor can it ever absolve itself from the responsibility for them.

I demand once again that you, discarding your unjust attitude, punish all of your personnel involved in the violations by your side of the Armistice Agreement as well as the Agreements and Understandings and take responsible measures to prevent the recurrence of similar incidents in the future.

UNC:

Do you have any further business?

KPA/CPV:

Our side has nothing further to bring up at this time.

Has your side anything further to offer?

UNC:

We have no further business.

KPA/CPV:

Since you state: you have nothing further to bring up, I propose to recess.

UNC:

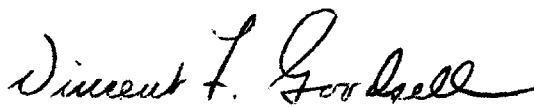
I agree to your proposal to recess.

The meeting recessed at 1251 hours.

FOLLOWING UNC ADVISORY GROUP MEMBERS ATTENDED:

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	MAJOR WILLIAM C. PETERS

This record of the 246th Secretaries' Meeting is prepared from verbatim statements in English by the Secretary, UNCMAC, and from English translations of Korean statements provided by the Secretary, KPA/CPV MAC.

  
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